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Sir:

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.28

Notification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28(b) is hereby given of a change in status resulting in a loss of entitlement to small entity status by Innogenetics, N.V., the assignee in the present application. This change in status was only recently appreciated. The small entity status was established in good faith and the fees as a small entity were paid in good faith.

As the assignee in the present application is no longer entitled to small entity status, notification of same pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby furnished.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u> in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A <u>duplicate</u> copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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